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SUBJECT: KING GUSTAV'S ILLNESS

1. KING GUSTAV VI ADOLF, NEARING HIS 91ST BIRTHDAY, UNDERWENT THREE-HOUR OPERATION EARLY AUGUST 21 AT HELSINGBORG HOSPITAL. OCCASION WAS BLEEDING ULCER WHICH HEMORRHAGED AUGUST 20. KING RECEIVED SEVERAL BLOOD TRANSFUSIONS BEFORE AND DURING OPERATION. HOSPITAL ANNOUNCED THAT HALF OF STOMACH AND A SECTION OF THE DUODENUM WAS REMOVED SURGICALLY. KING LAY IN RESPIRATOR TODAY.

2. COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AT NOON LOCAL TIME - EIGHT HOURS AFTER OPERATION COMPLETED - SAID "UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES THE KING'S CONDITION IS GOOD." COMMUNIQUE NOTED THAT OPERATION OF THIS MAGNITUDE, PARTICULARLY WITH PATIENT OF KING'S AGE, ALWAYS INVOLVES "CONSIDERABLE RISKS." COMMUNIQUE CONCLUDED : "THE KING'S PHYSICAL AND PSYCHIC VITALITY CONSTITUTE A POSITIVE FACTOR."

3. CROWN PRINCE CARL GUSTAV AND HIS SITER, PRINCESS CHRISTINA, FLEW THIS MORNING TO SOFIERO, THE KING'S SUMMER RESIDENCE WHERE HE FELL ILL SATURDAY. KING'S SON, PRINCE BERTIL, ON WAY TO SOFIERO FROM HIS FRENCH RIVERA VACATION HOME.

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